

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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Demand and Supply of Petroleum Products

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a demand and supply mismatch in the production of petroleum products in the country during the last two years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT/ product-wise along with any complaints regarding shortage of petroleum products including petrol/diesel received from some States and the corrective steps taken in this regard; and
- (c) the quantum and cost of petroleum products imported in the country during the said period, country/product-wise including kerosene, petrol, diesel etc.?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): The details of demand and supply gap in the production of petroleum products in the country during last two years and the current year is given in Annexure-I. On overall basis, the availability of petroleum products from refineries and fractionators is surplus for domestic consumption. However, there is a deficit of certain products like LPG, lubes, Bitumen etc. for which there is a gap between domestic consumption and indigenous production patterns.

During May-June, 2015, the availability of petroleum products was adversely affected in Punjab and Haryana and some parts of Uttar Pradesh due to unplanned/planned shut-down of a few Refineries' and problems in product movement by rail to Northern Region. To mitigate the short fall, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies undertook the movements from alternate sources; maximized the production at Refineries and realigned the markets.

(c): The quantum of petroleum products imported in the country along with their value both in terms of rupee and dollar during the said period, country / product -wise, is given in Annexure-II & III respectively.
